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Dear Chuck:

I would like to briefly summarize for you some of the highlights of the recent survey. Everything really went very smoothly and I was quite pleased at the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the Trust Territory officials.

Bill Scott (medical technician from Brookhaven) and I arrived at Kwajalein March 9th. Dr. Ezra Riklon, the practitioner at Ebeye, had rounded up about ten Rongelap people now residing there for examination. Drs. Fennel and Shippey, in charge of the Kwajalein Hospital, were most cooperative and allowed us to use their facilities for the examinations. They were also kind enough to loan us several items which we needed for use at Rongelap. Mr. William White, at present the DISTAD assistant at Kwajalein, whom you probably remember well, was also very helpful. He had our three medical boxes which had been shipped in custody.

The Navy flew us to Majuro on the 12th. Dr. John Iaman, the medical practitioner who has taken Dr. Hicking's place at Majuro, had rounded up several Rongelap people to be examined as well as a few children for height and weight measurements as part of the growth and development control group. These examinations were completed the following day.

Mr. Maynard Neas, Dr. H. B. Macdonald and I carried out final arrangements for the survey at Rongelap. The survey team consisted of the following people in addition to Dr. Macdonald, Bill Scott and myself: Dr. Ezra Riklon, Dr. Isaac Lanwi and two technicians, Kiosan and Sabio, and in addition, Dr. Jaffe and one of his dental technicians went along to carry out dental examinations. Mr. Neas also accompanied the group. He went along apparently to look into the agricultural situation on Rongelap. We sailed on the Roque, the Trust Territory cargo ship, on Wednesday morning the 16th, arriving at Kwajalein one day later where we picked up Dr. Ezra and our three medical boxes which contained mainly the electronic Coulter counter and laboratory equipment. We did not sail for Rongelap until the afternoon of the 18th since, in view of Captain Robert's unfamiliarity with Rongelap lagoon, he wished to arrive at a time when the sun would be to his back as he entered the lagoon in order to steer through the coral heads. When we dropped anchor in the lagoon off Rongelap village on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Neil Morris, the agriculturalist who had been living on the island for the past year, and the new magistrate (Emos) came aboard. Emos indicated that the Rongelap people would like to have a meeting and ask us certain questions before commencing with the examinations.